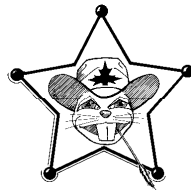


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## APRIL 19 MEETING in COLLEGE STATION

The next meeting of the Prairie Beavers will be held at the College Station Conference Center on George Bush Drive just south of the Texas A&M Campus. Those driving up from Houston should come up Texas Ave. (Business Hwy 6) to George Bush Drive and turn left. It is past the first stop light and just before the second stop light heading west.

For those coming from Austin Hwy 21 to Hwy 47 brings you to Wellborn Road fronting campus on the west; turn south onto Wellborn (go under the railroad bridge and turn right as directed), then go to George Bush Drive and turn left at the south edge of campus. It will be just past the third light going east.

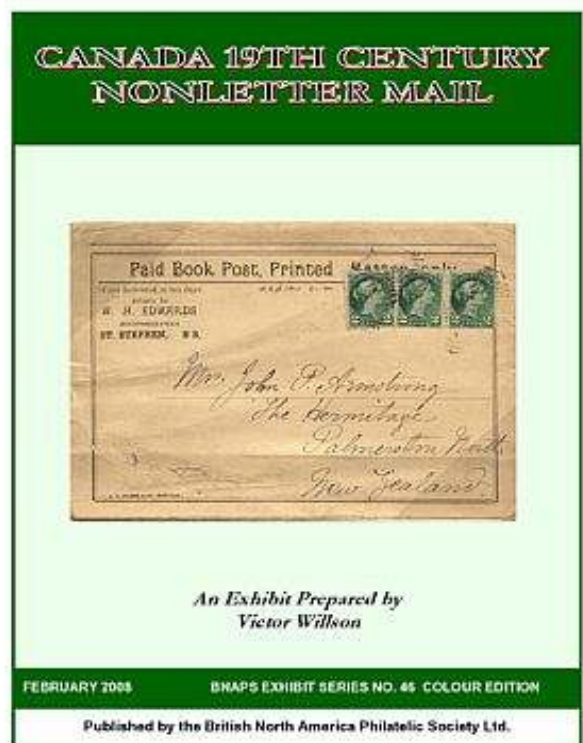
For those coming from the north utilize the Hwy 6 bypass to the University Ave. exit, head west toward campus, turn left (south) onto Texas Ave., go to the south edge of campus and turn right onto George Bush Drive. Just before the second stop light turn into the conference center.

**Through the US- twice** The cover shown below looks innocuous, but traveled from Hamilton ONT APR 5, 1883, via Windsor, Chicago, St. Paul, to Winnipeg by closed bag, arrived APR 8 (receiver on back). "NOT CALLED FOR" resulted in its return the same route, returning to Hamilton APR 24, carrier delivery to the sender APR 25. Until the CPR was completed in 1885, mail from eastern Canada continued to use this routing.



## WILLSON EXHIBIT BOOK

Vic Willson's exhibit of Canada 19<sup>th</sup> Century Nonletter Mail has been printed as a BNAPS exhibit book and is available from Ian Kimmerly in a color and b/w version. Except for a brief preface it consists of the 128 pages of the version of the exhibit that won the BNAPEX07 Grand Award in Calgary last fall. The color version is pricey at C\$94, C\$33.95 for b/w, less the BNAPS member discount of 40%.



**PRAIRIE BEAVER MEETING, , 2008****SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

8:45 - 9:00	Coffee, donuts, informal
9:00 - 9:15	Introductions
9:15 - 9:30	Book reviews- new BNAPS books
9:30 - 9:45	Internet review (new sites, action)
9:45 - 10:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
10:15 - 10:45	Presentation: Canadian Revenues- Woody Poore
10:45 - 11:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
11:15 - 12:00	Clothesline Exhibit (BNA stuff, anything else of philatelic interest)
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch
1:30 - 2:00	Business meeting
2:00 - 2:30	Presentation: Edward proof Material- George Dresser
2:30 - 3:15	Swap, Sell, Buy, Trade
3:15 - 3:45	1-page competition: create a 1 page exhibit ( 8 ½ x 11) to tell a story and present it; audience will rate it, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> prizes awarded
3:45 - 4:10	Canadian international rates 1988-2000- Vic Willson
4:10 - 4:30	Insurance and documentation issues
4:30 - 5:00	Wrapup
5:15	Dinner at local restaurant

**BNAPLEX 08- HALIFAX.** If you have not already booked a room in Halifax, you may be in trouble getting one. A major rocknroll concert is being held the Labor Day weekend of the show. Getting to Halifax has several choices, including flying there from Houston with one stop, typically from morning to late afternoon or evening. Current prices are about \$570 round trip per person. More leisurely, you can fly to Boston or Portland or Augusta, Maine, rent a car, and drive up. We have driven it and it is a very long day, better broken into two days. Of course, if you are staying to visit NS, then there are many more variants.



*Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island 1858*

Canada postal rates 1988-2001

Effective	Domestic Lettermail/ Postcard		Non-standard Lettermail/ Postcard		Oversize		USA		International (airmail)		Registration
	0-30g	30-50g	0-30g	30-50g	0-30g	30-50g	0-30g	30-50g	0-20g	20-50g	Domestic/ International
Jan 1, 1988	37c	57c	47c	74c	47c	74c	43c	63c	74c	\$1.15	\$2.70 <sup>a</sup>
Jan 1, 1989	38c	59c	48c	59c	48c	76c	44c	64c	76c	\$1.14	\$2.70
Jan 1, 1990	39c	61c	49c	61c	49c	78c	45c	65c	78c	\$1.17	\$2.70/\$3.00
Jan 1, 1991	40c	63c	50c	63c	80c		46c	67c	80c	\$1.20	\$2.70/\$3.10
Jan 1, 1992	42c	65c	53c	76c	84c		48c	70c	84c	\$1.26	\$2.85/\$4.90
Jan 1, 1993	43c	67c	54c	78c	86c		49c	72c	86c	\$1.29	\$2.95/\$5.15
Mar 1, 1994		69c	56c	80c	88c		50c	74c	88c	\$1.33	\$3.05/\$5.30
Oct 1, 1994	43c	69c	56c	80c	88c		50c	74c	90c	\$1.37	?/\$5.45
Aug 1, 1995	45c	71c	58c	82c	90c		52c	77c	90c	\$1.37	\$3.15/\$5.60
Jan 1, 1999	46c	73c	59c	84c	92c		55c	88c	95c	\$1.45	\$4.00/\$6.90 <sup>b</sup>
Jan 1, 2001	47c	75c	60c	86c	94c		60c	85c	\$1.05	\$1.60	\$4.00/\$9.00 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> no indemnity- fee increases for indemnity < \$250 <sup>b</sup> (<\$100 in 1999), \$100 increases, different for domestic and foreign <sup>c</sup> \$60 indemnity limit

Below are some rate covers for various combinations of airmail and registration fees to foreign destinations.



\$3.44 to Germany in 1988: .74 letter+\$2.70 reg.

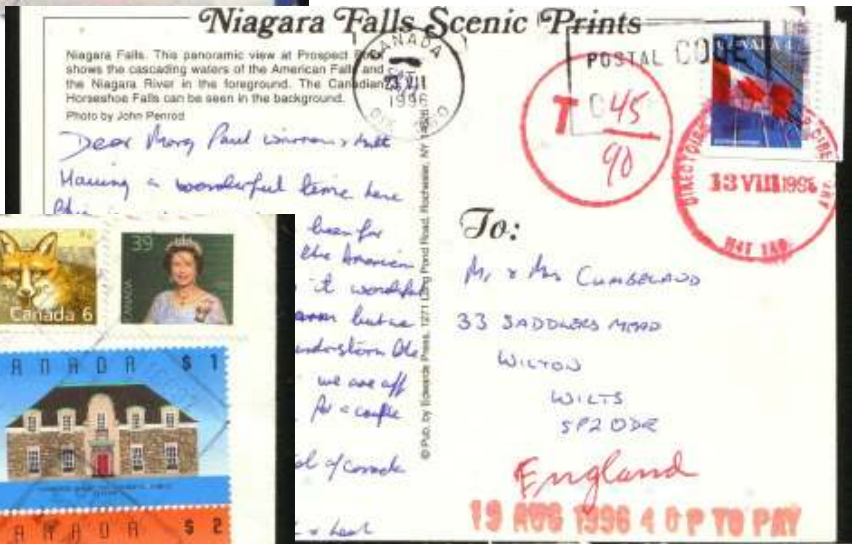
\$10.05 to Latvia in 2001: \$1.05 letter + \$9 reg.





\$6.18 to Germany in 1994: .88 letter + \$5.30 reg.

Below: \$3.45 to US in 1990: 45c letter + \$3 registration



Right: 1995 to Yugoslavia, 88c, service suspended due to war: "THERE IS NO SERVICE TO BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA DUE TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES BUT THIS IS BEYOND OUR CONTROL"



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